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WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN EQUITY CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(Woodland, California) - Woodland Community College is being recognized by The Campaign for College Opportunity as an Equity Champion of Higher Education for the college's work on increasing the number of Latino/a student's earning Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT).

ADT degrees were developed for students who intend to complete a bachelor's degree at a California State University (CSU) campus. Students who complete an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU system. Data shows that the majority of students who transfer to a CSU from WCC transfer to Sacramento State University.

"During these challenging times it's sometimes easy to overlook all the positive work being done by our faculty and staff on behalf of students and our community," stated College President Dr. Art Pimentel. "Over the last several years, our college has focused on student equity, infusing our academic programs and student services to close the achievement gap within our institution," Pimentel added. Even during the pandemic, WCC faculty and staff have continued to strengthen their commitment to support students in their educational journeys through engagement and support efforts both inside and outside of the classroom by using technology and virtual tools. The equity work being completed has been critical and shows that the college is making progress in their effort to support the most disenfranchised students to improve student success as evidenced by the recognition.

WCC is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) which is a designation given to institutions of higher education that have an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 25 percent Latino. Currently, 54% of the student population at WCC is Latino. A virtual state-wide ceremony to celebrate the recognition will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

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About Woodland Community College: Woodland Community College, located at 2300 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland, CA was accredited in 2008 as the 110th California Community College. The mission of Woodland Community College is to provide high quality, student-centered education and lifelong learning opportunities for the communities we serve, including Lake and Colusa campuses. For more information, visit: wcc.yccd.edu